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SUBJECT: TARIFF COMMISSION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON
STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP

1. THE U.S. TARIFF COMMISSION IS CONDUCTING AN ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION ON COLD-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP FROM FRANCE FOR WHICH THE COMMISSION NEEDS INFORMATION ON THE FIVE TOPICS SPECIFIED BELOW. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY ANSWERS TO AS MANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMISSION NEEDS THE INFORMATION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20, 1973, IN ORDER TO MEET THE LEGAL DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 11 FOR ITS REPORT.

2. ARE THERE CONCESSIONAL RATES OF INTEREST AT WHICH FRENCH STEEL COMPANIES CAN BORROW MONEY?

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(A) IS THE RATE 3 PERCENT FOR THE FIRST 5 YEARS AND
4 PERCENT FOR THE REMAINING 20 YEARS (IF THE LOAN IS

A LONG-TERM LOAN)?

(B) ON LONG-TERM LOANS, ARE REPAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL DEFERRED FOR 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF BORROWING?

(C) IS THE FOREGOING TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL BORROWERS RESTRICTED TO INVESTMENTS BY THE FRENCH STEEL COMPANIES, OR IS IT ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT IN OTHER INDUSTRIES?

(D) TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE THE FRENCH STEEL FIRMS AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THESE LOANS?

3. AVAILABILITY OF FACTORS OF PRODUCTION:

(A) ARE THE SUPPLIES OF LABOR, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, AND ELECTRICITY CURRENTLY SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THE FRENCH PRODUCERS TO MANUFACTURE ALL OF THE STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP THAT THEY WISH TO PRODUCE?

(B) WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR THESE SUPPLIES AS FACTORS OF PRODUCTION OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS?

4. PRODUCTION CAPACITY:

(A) IS IT THE INTENTION OF THE FRENCH PRODUCERS OF STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP TO CLOSE DOWN OR REDUCE PRODUCTION AT SOME OLD PLANTS AS THE NEW STAINLESS-STEEL-PRODUCING PLANTS COME ON-STREAM?

(B) WHAT IS FRANCE'S PRESENT ANNUAL PRACTICAL CAPACITY TO PRODUCE COLD-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP, AND WHAT WILL THE ANNUAL PRACTICAL CAPACITY BE AFTER THE NEW PLANTS ARE IN FULL PRODUCTION?

(C) THE FRENCH ARE APPARENTLY BUILDING NEW STEEL CAPACITY AT FOS-SUR-MER AND AT ISBERGUES. WHAT WILL BE THE CAPACITY OF THESE NEW PLANTS FOR (1) THE PRODUCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION OF CARBON STEEL, (2) THE PRODUCTION OF STAINLESS STEEL AND (3) THE PRODUCTION OF STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP? WHEN WILL THE PLANTS BE IN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AND WHEN ARE THEY EXPECTED TO PRODUCE STEEL AT THEIR FULL CAPACITY?

5. EXPORTS:

(A) IN 1972, WHAT WAS THE TOTAL QUANTITY (IN METRIC TONS) OF FRENCH EXPORTS OF COLD-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL

SHEET AND STRIP?

(B) IN 1972, WHAT PERCENTAGE, OF THE AFOREMENTIONED EXPORTS, WAS SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES?

(C) IN 1972, APPROXIMATELY WHAT PERCENTAGE (ON THE BASIS OF WEIGHT) OF FRANCE'S PRODUCTION OF COLD-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP WAS EXPORTED? IS THIS PERCENTAGE EXPECTED TO GROW SUBSTANTIALLY?

(D) IN CHOOSING THE LOCATIONS (ISBERGUES AND FOS-SUR-MER) FOR THE NEW STAINLESS STEEL PLANTS, WAS THE FACILITATION OF EXPORTS THE PRINCIPAL CONSIDERATION, OR WERE OTHER FACTORS SO NUMEROUS OR IMPORTANT AS TO DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXPORT FACTOR?

(E) THE TARIFF COMMISSION HAS STATISTICS ON QUOTAS ON EXPORTS OF STAINLESS STEEL, NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE ASSOCIATION OF STEEL PRODUCERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. THESE DATA ARE NOT BROKEN DOWN BY COUNTRY OR COMMODITY. WHAT ARE THE QUOTAS ALLOCATED TO FRANCE ON STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS AS A GROUP, AND ON COLD-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL SHEET AND STRIP (EITHER SEPARATELY OR IN COMBINATION) FOR EACH OF THE YEARS 1972, 1973, AND 1974? (THE COMMISSION STAFF SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS MR. M. JACQUES FERRY, PRESIDENT, CHAMBRE SYNDICALE DE-LA SIDERURGIE FRANCAISE, CAN SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION.)

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6. RESEARCH:

IS IT A FACT THAT FRENCH MANUFACTURERS OF STEEL JOINTLY FINANCE CERTAIN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS THROUGH AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS IRSID? IF SO, WHAT WAS THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXPENDED ON RESEARCH THROUGH IRSID DURING EACH OF THE YEARS, 1970, 1971, 1972, AND THE EXPECTED LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN 1973? RUSH

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